

## Cemetery Trustee Meeting

July 15, 2019

The Cemetery Trustee meeting opened at 2:00 pm in the Clerk's Office at City Hall.

Present: Kristia Davis, Edward Bryant, Albert Morrisette, and Shelli Fortin (bookkeeper)

Absent: Alison Findsen

### 1. Hillside Avenue

Ed Bryant advised that the cemetery on Hillside Avenue has not been mowed at all this year. A work order will be put in asking that it be done.

### 2. Available Plots

Al Morrisette asked how many plots were available in the New City Cemetery. He was advised that no more lots will be sold in the New City Cemetery, and right now, only lots in the Russian Cemetery are being sold. Ed Bryant will contact Mike Ross to see how many more lots are available to use. Ed Bryant also advised that there is land on the other side of the road that could be cleared if needed.

### 3. Complaints in New City Cemetery

Another complaint was received about a stone tipping over in the New City Cemetery. The complaint was received from Shirley Beland about her sister's grave site, Hurbert and Louise Duguay. It was decided that work orders would be put in for any complaints received as a temporary fix. Public Works will again be asked to schedule a time to dig a test pit to see how far down the bark goes so that a more permanent solution can be implemented. Shelli Fortin will look to see if any grants are available to help with the cost of repairing the issue.

### 4. Complaint in Russian Cemetery

A complaint was received from George Morin about the Clark/Thomas grave in the Russian Cemetery. Morin stated that the plot is all ants and sand and some new grass needs to be planted.

A question was raised about what is required with Perpetual Care, and the cemetery rules states that the term perpetual care refers to the cutting of grass, the making and cleaning of plots, and the pruning of trees. In no case shall the term be construed as meaning the maintenance, repair, or replacement of any memorial or tomb erected upon lots, nor the doing of any of any special or unusual work in the cemetery, including work caused by the impoverishment of the soil.

The trustees did agree that the grass should be fertilized and a work order will be submitted.

### 5. Pauper Cremains

The trustees agreed that the cremains in storage at City Hall should be buried in the Russian Cemetery. Pavers will be purchased to mark the lots. If at any time family comes to claim the cremains, they will be responsible for the cost to disinter. A work order will be submitted for the burials.

#### 6. Financial Update

Al Morrisette had Ed Bryant and Kris Davis sign the withdrawal slips to pay bills, and the Report of Trust and Capital Reserve Funds. Morrisette advised that they took in \$4,700 this year, and expenses totaled \$7,900, for a net loss of \$3,200. Morrisette advised he has shopped around for a CD which would pay a higher interest rate, and Northway is offering 2%, and Bank of NH 1.5%. Shelli Fortin will look into the NH PDIP, and find out what their current rate is. If it is more than 2%, the trustees should look at moving the money, as the CD is a 5-year note, and still has 3 more years. Al Morrisette advised that the CD at Bank of NH is \$267,667.29. The only liquid assets that the trustees have is \$1731.07 in the money market account.

#### 7. Payment to Good Shepard Parish

Ed Bryant looked into the agreement with Good Shepard Parish for perpetual care that is paid annually. The issue dates back to 1986 and has to do with money held in the trust fund for lots belonging to St. Anne Church. The annual payment is \$468 for 36 lots.

#### 7. Next Meeting

A meeting will be held in the next couple weeks to visit the cemeteries. This will give the trustees a chance to view the problems in the New City Cemetery.

There being no further business before the Cemetery Trustees at this time, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelli Fortin, Bookkeeper